(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this scheme will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) In the meeting of Council of Board of School Education (COBSE) held on 1 st May, 2005, a decision was taken to recommend to the boards of education a scheme to introduce grades up to class X. A final decision has not yet been taken by CBSE. So far as CBSE is concerned, the Board is proposing to introduce a grading system, which envisages issue of subject wise grades without any reference to marks.

(b) Does not arise.

Reservation for OBCs in Kendriya/Navodaya Vidyalayas

698.SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is fact that OBC students are not given reservation in the Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalaya;

(b)if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c)whether Government would take steps to provide reservation for such students belonging to OBC in view of their backwardness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reservation for OBC in school admission has not been provided for in the guidelines approved either by the Board of Governors of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan or by the Executive Committee of the Navodaya Vidyaiaya Samiti.

(c) In view of (b), question does not arise.

Urdu schools

699.SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Urdu schools in several States are in dilapidated condition;